

NEW PEACE CONVENTIONS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE

WORLD Prevent United States From Being Drawn Into Present European Conflict.

FOUR NATIONS AGREE TO SIGN

Germany, Russia and Japan Signify Acceptance of Principles, but Negotiations Not Far Enough Advanced to Draft Treaties.

WASHINGTON, September 10.—In the midst of the European war, Great Britain, France, Spain and China have agreed to sign peace commission treaties with the United States. One effect of the new conventions would be to prevent the United States from being drawn suddenly into the conflict.

Germany, Russia and Japan have signified their acceptance of the principles of those treaties, though negotiations are still continuing at the point of drafting conventions. Similar agreements with Turkey and Greece are almost ready for signature.

The first four treaties are ready for signature. They are regarded by President Wilson and Secretary Bryan as the most important, especially affecting the United States, from being drawn into the present conflict over any question of neutrality or other controversy. Their negotiation was begun, however, before the European war broke.

With the signing of treaties with Great Britain, France, Spain and China, the number of powers of this kind now ratified by Secretary Bryan will number twenty-six. Nineteen have been ratified by the Senate, comprising the principal countries of Central and South America, Denmark, Norway, Switzerland, Portugal, Italy and the Netherlands. Secretary Bryan hopes to add to this the countries ratified by Christians, which he believes, will assure the peace of the United States with the entire world.

The treaties provide that all disputes shall, after diplomatic methods of adjustment have failed, be referred for investigation to a permanent international commission, and declarations of war shall not make diplomatic investigation. The report of the commission is to be completed within one year.

Although the contracting parties reserve the right to act independently after the commission reports, the administration here believes a year's time will have the effect of "sobering" thoughts in all nations and preventing outbreaks in the precipitate manner in which Europe has just plunged itself into war.

PROHIBITION MASS-MEETING

Former Governor Hunt of Indiana to Speak at City Auditorium.

Ex-Governor J. Frank Hanly of Indiana, will deliver an address in behalf of State-wide prohibition at the City Auditorium on Monday night under the auspices of the Anti-Saloon League of Virginia. There will be no charge for admission, the meeting being open to the public.

Governor Hanly will have as his subject "The Trial of John Barleycorn." It will be a popular discussion in some legal form of the question to be determined by the people of Virginia by the polls on September 22.

JOHN GARCIA ASKS PARDON.

The application of John Garcia for a conditional pardon has been submitted to Governor Stuart. Garcia is serving a term of ten years in the State Penitentiary, having been convicted of assault on Mrs. E. T. Webster, of 738 East Franklin Street, while on duty as a member of the Police Court on the charge of violating a disorderly house. Garcia has served a year and two months of his term. Garcia is a Spaniard, and he was charged by Mrs. Webster with having attacked her with a knife and thrown her down a flight of stairs at her home.

Required to Give Security.
John Garcia, the old white man, was placed under \$100 security in the Police Court yesterday when he was arraigned on the charge of being drunk and disorderly and of being a disturber of the peace.

Fight for Attacking Policemen.
Ollie Ellis, the man who gave Professor Tait considerable trouble when arrested on the charge of being a disturber, was yesterday fined \$100 and placed under \$100 security for twelve months by Police Justice Tomlinson. The additional charge of assaulting and beating the policemen who entered against Ellis, and it was on this charge that he was fined.

Segregation Law Violations.
Two cases of alleged violations of the segregation ordinance were at the Police Court yesterday morning. A suit against Levi Coates was obtained until September 12, while those against Melville Johnson and Janius Turpin were continued until October 16.

WOMAN ARRESTED.
Police Believe She Is Responsible for Several Recent Thiefs.

Claudia, the maid who has been caught in the house of the house at 1011 East Franklin Street shortly before it exploded last night, Irene Jackson, colored, was locked up in the second Police Station, charged with trespassing on the property. The arrest was made by Blythe Policemen Latham and Tomlinson.

In the arrest of the woman the police believe they have succeeded in capturing one of the persons responsible for some of the thefts which have been going on in the West End recently. Policeman Tomlinson saw the woman earlier in the afternoon in an alley near the place where she was arrested and noticed that she was carrying a bundle which she appeared to be trying to conceal under her apron.

REV. A. D. RUDD CALLED.

Expected to be pastor of Burton Heights Baptist Church. The Baptist Church in Burton Heights has unanimously chosen Rev. A. D. Rudd to become its pastor. The call has been extended to Mr. Rudd, and it is thought that he will accept. He was educated at Richmond College and at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and is a native of Rockbridge County. For some time he was pastor of the Baptist Church at Newport News.

From Newport News Mr. Rudd went to Mexico as a missionary of the foreign mission board of the Southern Baptist Convention. After spending several years there, he went to Porto Rico as a missionary of the Northern Baptist Church. Mr. Rudd, with his family, arrived in Richmond on a furlough, and while awaiting the call to the church in Burton Heights, it is thought that he will begin his work there at once.

Notaries Get Commissions.
Commissions were issued yesterday by Governor Stuart to the following notaries public:

Mrs. Edith Christiane, for the county of Caroline; Charles D. Sanford, Petersburg; Lee B. Gunn, Winchester; F. H. Kilgore, Wise County; Jacob Cohn, Richmond; A. M. Davis, Powhatan County; H. C. Penn, Roanoke; George L. Gwynn, Newport News; W. B. Miller, Augusta County, and Weston Parish, Portsmouth.

WITH SCAR ON "HIGH LEGS." "MAIR CICKS LIKE HELL"

Rights of "Kicker" Against Those of "Kicker" May Arise for Settlement in Henrico County.

The Sovereign Commonwealth of Virginia, the "cradle of presidents" and the mother of a long line of illustrious statesmen," just as it is sure and relentless in Virginia, its firm laws and sound legal customs date back to precedents formed in a time of antiquity almost beyond the memory of man. The Goode and Hightide Honorable Sir William Blackstone, Knight, while he wrote his "Commentaries on the Common Law of England," was then laying the foundation of a legal fabric which lives to this day in Virginia.

But with all of its legal prestige and astute legal doctrines vexing problems even now sometimes arise to perplex those well versed in the legal lore of the Old Dominion. A case involving the rights of a kicker as opposed to those of a kickee, or of a vendor against a customer, the vendor being a minor, arose for equitable adjustment on the records at the Henrico County Courthouse a conditional sale contract, signed by the vendor, and Joe Waller, vendee, is recorded thus: "One bay mare, seen on high legs, kicks like hell." Evidently the vendor gave this description of his property knowing at the time of the sale his horse was vicious, and the vendor, desiring to save himself against a possible damage suit by the vendee.

So far neither "bay mare" nor vendor have registered a kick. Have either of them a kick coming? Should the "maur" refuse to kick, would the refusal constitute sufficient grounds for recovery in a suit at law by the vendor? The vendor is guaranteed at the time of the sale that "maur kicks like hell." By what method and with what degree of accuracy could a court of justice decide just what constitutes the act of kicking "like hell?" Must demonstrations be given before a jury of twelve men, and it so by whom? Certainly such contortions would be far beneath the dignity of such learned jurists as might be called to defend or complain in a case involving the rights of "kicker" against those of "kickee." Is there no precedent in legal annals to decide such a case, even though it is as yet a supposed action?

MAKE SECOND PAYMENT

To Date More Than \$9,000 Has Been Paid on Virginia Building.

The payment of \$4,674 to the contractors constructing the Virginia Building, Mount Vernon, at the Panama-Pacific Exposition, San Francisco, was announced yesterday after a conference between Captain W. B. Baker of Chesterfield, one of the three Virginia commissioners, and Alexander Forward, secretary of the commission.

This is the second payment made since the work was begun. It brings the total paid to \$9,274. The contracted price of the Virginia Building is \$16,952. The balance to be paid is \$7,017.36. Several small items have added to the cost since the original construction contract was awarded.

The building is now about 80 per cent completed, and it is anticipated that the reproduction of the home of Washington will be ready for delivery in completed form by October 15.

STARTS FALL CAMPAIGN

Inspector Clinchard Begins Trip Seeking Labor Law Violators.

Special Agent J. Bernard Clinchard, of the State Department of Labor, left last night for the western part of the State, where he will inaugurate the fall campaign against violators of the labor laws. He made his final report to Commissioner of Labor Doherty yesterday afternoon, submitting for ap-

proval the itinerary he had mapped out for the next month.

Deputy Clinchard said he had every reason to expect from the information he now has in hand that he will be able to secure at least fifty convictions before he returns to headquarters. He will be on the road until Christmas. The movements of the three special agents of the department are not disclosed by the commissioner until arrests are made. This secrecy is imperative, Commissioner Doherty explains, because the presence of an inspector in any section of the State is soon discovered by individuals and corporations that do not want the labor laws clearing decks." When the inspector arrives, he finds everything in legal apple-pie order, if the proprietor or manager of the place to be inspected has been advised a few hours in advance of his coming.

REWARD IS RENEWED

The reward will be \$100 for Arrest of Jimmy Love.

The reward of \$100 offered by former Governor Miller during the summer for the capture of Jimmy Love, indicted in Nottoway County for the fatal shooting of George Jennings, was again authorized yesterday by Governor Stuart, it having become nullified by limitation. The fact of the renewal of the offer of a reward for the arrest of Love indicates that the Nottoway officers have lost track of the trail of the slayer. He disappeared immediately after the tragedy, and so far as known, has not been seen nor heard from since.

Building Permits.

Permits were issued yesterday by the Building Inspector as follows:

Southern Building Company, to erect a concrete and brick transformer station at the Free Bridge and the railway yards, \$700.

Patrick, to erect a brick garage in the rear of 2195 Grove Ave., \$150.

Thomas H. Duke, to erect a brick garage in the rear of 1993 Stuart Ave., \$200.

E. R. Williams, to repair brick garage in the rear of 826 West Franklin Street, \$100.

Court Convenes Monday.

The Law and Equity Court will convene for the September term at 11 o'clock Monday morning. The whole docket will be called and all cases set for trial.

Kincaid's Case Continued.

Pending the return to this city of Miss Letta Sims, the nurse of the Westbrook Sanatorium, whose name is alleged to have been forged to a \$20 check by James M. Kincaid, the case against the young man was yesterday continued until September 19.

Kincaid was arrested in a Broad Street department store Wednesday afternoon by Detective Sergeant Hall, while attempting to leave the check cashed. He is said to have admitted the forgery. He met Miss Sims while he was a patient at the sanatorium.

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PARDON IS DENIED

Albert D. Werth, of Staunton, who shot John Baumer when the latter accused him of seeking to alienate the affections of Mrs. Baumer, will have to serve the five years term in the penitentiary prescribed by the jury that tried him.

Governor Stuart, before starting on his Baltimore trip yesterday, announced his decision as to the petition for a pardon submitted some time ago in Werth's behalf. It was represented in the petition that the prisoner is ill and that this is his condition in such a way that a surgeon's certificate of fitness of the man desire to take him to Baltimore for surgical treatment. The prison surgeons, however, are not so apprehensive regarding Werth's condition, and after hearing from them, the executive declined to grant clemency.

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RICHMOND LAWYER WILL ASSIST IN PROSECUTION

D. C. O'Flaherty to Aid State in Arson Charge Against School Teacher at Reliance.

Attorney D. C. O'Flaherty, of Richmond, has been retained to assist Commonwealth's Attorney Turner, of Warren County, in the prosecution of Russell E. Steel, of Reliance, Va., under indictment for arson in that he is accused of setting fire to the building of the Old Dominion Academy at Reliance.

The indictment against Steel, who was a member of the academy's faculty, was returned on Monday by the grand jury, and the case has been set for trial November 1.

The grand jury investigation followed work on the part of detectives for the State Insurance Bureau, and after insurance, amounting to about \$50,000 had been paid.

The academy was burned last June, and nearly a score of students were living in the ruins. Steel is alleged to have moved his trunk from the building before the fire.

Steel, who is under \$2,000 bond for his appearance for trial, has retained Downing & Weaver, of Front Royal, to defend him.

Blackwell—Manson.

Expected to the Times-Dispatch—KINSHAW, Va., September 10.—A pretty marriage was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Manson, in Kinshaw, Westmoreland, when V. Blackwell and Miss Mary Manson were united in wedlock. Miss Patti Manson presided at the piano.

The ushers were J. S. Hatchett, R. G. Webb, and the maid of honor was Miss Ella Manson, sister of the bride, who was attended by Miss Eleanor Anna, nee Nelson, nee Nease, of Kinshaw, bride, acted as flower girl, scattering flowers in the pathway of the bride. The groom entered with his best man, Bertram Blackwell. The bride came in with her brother, R. W. Manson, Jr., of Blackstone; Rev. J. M. Green, of Lunenburg, assisted by Rev. Mr. Stephens, of Kinshaw, performed the ceremony.

Among those present at the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Manson, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Nease, of Grandy, Va.; Frances Neblett, of Blackstone; Miss Mandie Knight, of Laredo, Texas; Miss Lillian Clark, of Gainesville, Fla.; Mrs. Funks, Mrs. Robert Hawthorne, Mrs. Sidney Neblett, Jack Jones, Miss Gertrude Jones, Miss Blanchard Jones, Hoy Blackwell, Bain Manson, Tom Manson, William Manson, Alvin Harris, John Hethorne and Dr. L. G. Walker.

EVIDENCE OF "TAX-DODGING"

State Auditor Says Increase in Returns This Year Is Insignificant.

Pursuit of the returns received from individual taxpayers of the state by Auditor W. T. Lee showed, in the opinion of the auditor, "tax dodging" is not much "tax dodging" in the opinion of the auditor. The showing is made in the small amounts of some of the returns.

The figures are not yet ready for publication, the auditor said, but will be within a few days. Conditions are not as good as last year, returns being stimulated by grand jury investigations in several counties. "The increases were enormous," says the auditor, "when the law was being enforced. This year it seems to be different. I have not been advised that one judge in the whole State has taken any step to enforce the law."

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